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News Brief

726th Town Hall

The commander of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron will conduct a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the base theater.

Please bring your questions and concerns. A team will do its best to answer any question on the spot or assist you in finding the answer.

You may e-mail the transition team prior to the meeting at 726transitions@rheinmain.af.mil.

Bulk trash pick-up

A bulk trash pick-up is set for May 18 in Gateway Gardens. Residents should not place any hazardous waste on the curb. If you do have hazardous waste or questions, contact the base civil engineer environmental office at 330-7844.

Water outage

The main water line adjacent to Bldg. 153 will be isolated and shut down from 8:00 a.m. to noon May 17.

Buildings affected include: Bldg. 153, Andrews Federal Credit Union, Community Bank, Bldg. 152, Bldg. 155 and Bldg. 348.

The water supply will be available after maintenance is complete and toilet and shower facilities may be used immediately. The water quality will also be tested for drinking and cooking.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Master Sgt. Charles Johnston, 134th Air Refueling Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard, Knoxville, Tenn., checks the oil on a KC-135E engine shortly after arriving at Rhein-Main last week.

KC-135s arrive

385th AEG stops at Rhein-Main in support of OEF,OIF

By Airman 1st Class Eric Donner
Public Affairs

Even as the final days of Rhein-Main Air Base creep closer, operations here have expanded to assist other bases in United States Air Forces in Europe.

Proof of this is the four KC-135 Stratotankers that arrived here April 28, deployed to the 385th Air Expeditionary Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. The 385th AEG provides round-the-clock support for aircraft supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The group of tankers will be here for about two weeks while Incirlik conducts

routine runway maintenance.

The 116 personnel and four aircraft deployed to the 385th AEG are from the 134th Air Refueling Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard, Knoxville, Tenn.

"We arrived on April 28 and were up and flying by the 30th," said Lt. Col. Russell Gaby, 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron commander.

"The arrival here has been very smooth," said Colonel Gaby. "It is all because of the great support the base has given us."

"The guys with the C-17s have

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AF focuses on religious respect

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — One's religious beliefs, or the absence of beliefs in an established religion, should never be grounds for unlawful discrimination, the chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service said.

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin recently explained the role of chaplains and respect for others' beliefs throughout the Air Force.

"Our instructions include a code of ethics that requires chaplains to respect all faiths and work without judgment in a religiously pluralistic environment," he said. "We have no tolerance for religious discrimination."

The principle of respecting the religious views of others is nothing new for the Air Force or the military as a whole.

"We didn't just begin to value religious freedom and individual rights," Chaplain Baldwin said. "This is a central part of our rich American heritage and is embodied in the First Amendment to the Constitution. It has been re-enforced through the years with countless acts of courage and sacrifice both large and small."

Starting Spring 2004, Air Force Academy leaders said they noticed some religion-related concerns from the results of a climate survey given to permanent party staff and faculty. Subsequently, they conducted a cadet climate survey and found a similar trend.

In turn, the leaders encouraged the academy community to highlight specific incidents involving religion.

Through these self-initiated efforts last year, academy officials discovered more than 30 percent of non-Christian students who took the survey said Christian cadets are given preferential treatment, while less than 10 percent of Christian students felt that way. A little more than half of non-Christian students who took the survey reported they "have not felt pressure to be involved in religion" at the academy.

"We make sure our training centers — the Air Force Academy, basic military training school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the officer training school at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. — are staffed at 100 percent to meet the spiritual needs of our Airmen and that these chaplains understand and teach the concepts of religious accommodation and respect," Chaplain Baldwin said.

To re-enforce a learning and training environment that emphasizes the value of religious freedom and respect, academy officials instituted a new training program called Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People.

"The focus of the small-group seminars — each facilitated by a chaplain, a lawyer and a commander — is on the diversity of the Air Force and the need for each person to respect everyone else, regardless of their beliefs or faith," said Johnny Whitaker, Air Force Academy communications director.

USPS implements address initiative; customers key to on-time delivery

By Tech. Sgt. Kirk Baldwin
HQ USAFE/A6XP

The United States Postal Service processes most mail with machines. Mail processing machines read addresses from bottom to top, first looking for the city, state and ZIP code.

When mail processing machines can't read a piece of mail due to improper format or illegible writing, the letter is routed to a mail clerk to read the address to determine where to deliver the mail.

To avoid the delay of manual processing, postal patrons should keep these tips in mind when preparing their mail:

- Avoid hand writing address

- Use printed labels with standard fonts size 10 or 12

- Use block capital letters
- Use USPS address abbreviations

- Use no punctuation except the hyphen in the ZIP code + 4

- Put one space between city and state

- Put two spaces between state and ZIP code

- If used, put the attention line above the delivery address

- Words like 'East' and 'West' are called "directionals" and are very important

Placement of address information on letters or postcards is also important.

"Address labels should be placed parallel to the longest side of letters and postcards," said Matt Haacker, USAFE's Postal Plans and Programs Manager. "These types of mail are 'faced' prior to sorting, and by placing the addresses properly you can ensure the machine reads the information the first time."

Address hygiene helps ensure your mail is processed expeditiously by the USPS and your military postal clerks. USAFE is working with USPS to establish mail pre-sorting for military mail destined overseas. This initiative is just one step of a long process to improve mail delivery to our customers.

For more information, call the base post office at 330-6384.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Givin' the gift

Lt. Col. Michael Polhemus, 726th Air Mobility Squadron commander, donates blood at the Rhein-Main Community Blood Drive Tuesday at the base fitness center. More than 100 people signed up to give blood for a total of 89 successful donations.

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helped us with details and the ins and outs of departures and arrivals," he added.

Working 12-hour shifts a day and supporting up to four missions a day the group here keeps very busy. They say they've received great support from the services at Rhein-Main and from the other deployed units.

"We have received excellent support from the communications flight," said Colonel Gaby. "Also, from services, giving us rooms in contingency lodging."

The crew from Tennessee is used to sharing a runway with commercial aircraft. In Tennessee they share the dual runway with Knoxville International Airport on McGhee-Tyson Airfield.

The KC-135 has been in the Air Force's inventory since June 1957 and is one of the main refueling aircraft.

The Tennessee crews fly the KC-135E models. These aircraft are older and noisier than the "R"

models, said Colonel Gaby.

One KC-135 can carry up to 200,000 pounds of fuel or 83,000 pounds of cargo.

The plane carries approximately 150,000 pounds of fuel per mission from Rhein-Main, said Colonel Gaby. On each refueling mission, the crew downloads 50,000 pounds of fuel.

To put it in perspective, 150,000 pounds of fuel is equal to 25,000 gallons of gas. The average car has a 16 gallon gas tank. One KC-135 on a mission could fill 1,500 tanks of gas.

The missions from Rhein-Main mostly support C-17 Globemaster IIIs heading downrange with cargo and personnel, according to Colonel Gaby. The average time needed to complete a refueling mission is six to seven hours.

The 385th AEG will stay until May 14 or 15, depending on how runway repairs and cleaning at Incirlik progress. The 134th ARW will return to Turkey to complete their deployment.

R-M announces quarterly award winners

Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, presented the Rhein-Main Community Quarterly Awards for the first quarter of 2005 during a ceremony Tuesday at the Rocket Sports Lounge.

Winners include:

■ Airman of the Quarter – **Airman 1st Class Sara Dobos**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron;

■ NCO of the Quarter – **Staff Sgt. Cheyenne Tarkington**, 469th Air Base Group Clinic;

■ Senior NCO of the Quarter – **Master Sgt. Rebecca Skelhon**, 726th AMS;

■ Company Grade Officer of the Quarter – **Capt. Seth Hamilton**, 469th ABG Logistics Flight;

■ Category I Civilian of the Quarter – **John Williams**, 469th ABG Services Flight;

■ Category II Civilian of the Quarter – **Kc Radloff**, 469th ABG Services Flight.

(staff report)

Tony's Story: Brothers lesson in drug abuse

It was Saturday morning, May 5, 1995, when the police told me my brother was dead. They told me over the telephone and were very cavalier about it. But I understand why they were so callous. My brother had died of a heroin overdose, and they probably figured that I was another junkie too.

I came from a normal Air Force family. My brother, Tony, and I grew up on Air Force bases and loved riding our bikes down to the flight line to see the planes. All of our friends were Air Force brats and most dreamed of one day becoming pilots.

But when my brother was 14, he went to a Grand Funk Railroad concert with some friends and smoked his first joint of marijuana. Most of his friends were smoking the stuff, and he just wanted to be part of the crowd. It was a decision that destroyed his life.

My parents had told us about the dangers of drugs. The schools had educated us all about how drug use could ruin your future. But he must have listened to his peers who said not to worry, he couldn't get addicted to pot. Tony liked the pot and continued to smoke it and started experimenting with other ways to get high.

Tony's grades in school started slipping. He began to become a discipline problem. The only thing he cared about was getting high. Drugs became the center of his life.

My parents tried everything they could to stop my brother. Family meetings, church counseling, professional counselors, and boarding school couldn't pull Tony away from the drugs. When he turned 18, he dropped out of school. About this time he started using heroin.

Tony married, had three children, abandoned his family, drifted, remarried, had another child, then abandoned them.

One doesn't have time for such trivial things when one is a junkie. I have no idea how many other people's lives were ruined by the drugs my brother sold to help support his habit.

He stole thousands of dollars from my parents on two different occasions to buy drugs. I hate to think of what Tony must have done to support his heroin habit, but he was hooked and couldn't stop.



By Col. Robert Winston
86th Airlift Wing
vice commander

The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

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Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. Kristin Farmer

Unit: 469th ABG Finance Flight

Time in Air Force: 4 years

Time at Rhein-Main: 2 years

Duty Title: Accounting liaison journeyman

Hometown: Portsmouth, Va.

Hobbies: Running and traveling.

What has been your best Air Force experience?

Being stationed in Europe and having the opportunity to travel.

469th Air Base Group Finance Flight



Lee Tapia

Unit: 469th ABG Finance Flight

Time working for the Air Force: 2.5 years

Time at Rhein-Main: 2.5 years

Duty Title: Budget analyst

Hometown: Loch Lomond, Scotland

Hobbies: Toastmasters International.

What has been your best Air Force experience?

Having the opportunity to work with the Rhein-Main community.

TONY'S STORY, from Page 4

Despite all this, we loved my brother. He really was a nice guy. Tony knew he was destroying himself and hurting all those around him, and he was miserable. We never stopped praying for him.

My parents sent him twice to detoxification hospitals to kick the habit. But he couldn't kick the habit. I really don't think it's possible to stop once you are hooked on heroin.

On the night my brother died, he drank a bottle of Sour Mash, took some depressant pills, then put the needle in with the venom that took him from us.

He was found sitting on the toilet, cold. Not a very dignified end. It all started with that first joint that ensured acceptance from the gang.

For the young readers, my message is just don't do it. What you may think is a harmless experiment will become the first nail in your coffin.

Marijuana use is the first step. Just say no. Dump any friends who offer you drugs. You don't need to hang out with losers like that.

Parents need to watch their kids. Who are their friends? Who are their heroes? What are the words of their favorite music saying? How is their behavior and school performance? Do whatever it takes to keep your children away from drugs.

To my fellow Air Force members, my message is that I will not tolerate any illegal use of drugs.

I will do everything in my power to put drug users away, and take pleasure in doing so.

Barbecue disposal

Facility managers and Gateway Gardens residents, should adhere to the following instructions when disposing of barbecue grills:

In the housing area, charcoal and gas grills can be put out on a bulk-trash pickup day. However, before they're set on the curb, the grills need to be cleaned of any charcoal residue and propane tanks removed.

For disposal of propane tanks contact the base civil engineer environmental office to make an appointment, call 330-7844.

Facility managers on the main operating base can contact Bobby Butler at 330-7734 for an appointment.

101 Critical Days of summer

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Wolcott

469th Air Base Group Ground Safety Manager

Memorial Day, May 30, traditionally marks the beginning of summer. It also marks the beginning of the "101 Critical Days of Summer" safety campaign which ends Labor Day weekend.

Statistics show that most on- and off-duty mishaps occur between those two holidays and that younger male enlisted members are involved in most of these mishaps.

However, most accidents are preventable by reading, understanding and following the tips in this article. Most are common sense and could save your life.

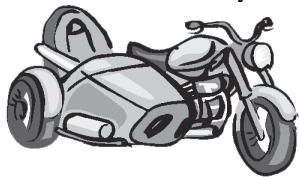
Alcohol

Consuming alcoholic beverages during hot weather increases its dehydrating effect and may exaggerate heat related illnesses. It also inhibits specialized motor skills that are necessary to participate in sports and recreation activities.

If you attend parties, make arrangements for your safe return by using designated drivers, commercial transportation or stay with the hosts overnight. Never attempt to drive after drinking, and never let anyone else drink and drive.

Motorcycle Safety

Before performing any maneuver conduct a risk assessment. Consider not only the risks involved with your machine, but also limitations of the road and other road users. Complacency is your enemy. Remember: you can lower your risks without lowering your enjoyment.



Check your machine before you ride. See and be seen is the most important part of your riding strategy. If you ride to live, you'll live to

ride. Never underestimate other road users. Look over your shoulder before you attempt any maneuver or change position. Never feel like you can't learn anymore. Seek out training opportunities.

Don't wait for the wear bars to show on your tires. Keep the tire tread depth above the legal requirement of 1 mm over the entire traction surface. Dress to ditch. Uneven rural roads have no shoulders and uncertain surface conditions. Passing is the number-one killer. Slow down and obey traffic laws.



Yard safety

Wear sturdy shoes and long pants when mowing grass or trimming weeds. Make sure to use the proper fuel mixture and maintain your gardening equipment. Watch out for rocks, logs, and large debris. Remove toys and other items from the yard before mowing or trimming.

Barbecues

Outdoor cooking is fun if you follow some simple rules. Make sure you use the proper igniting procedures for your gas or charcoal grill.

Properly store lighter fluid, matches and igniters, and keep them out of reach of children. Never leave a barbecue grill unattended or place it near a fence or a building. If your gas grill doesn't light on the first or second try, allow the fumes to dissipate before trying again.



Swimming safety

Never swim alone and swim only in approved locations. Watch for rip tides. Don't dive into shallow water because you never know what is under the water's surface.



Never let children swim unsupervised. Don't drink and swim.

Protect yourself from the sun - wear sunscreen and a hat.

Bicycle

Before jumping on your bicycle make sure it is in working order. After a long winter in storage, brakes, tires and chains can become weathered or possibly be broken.

When riding a bicycle on a military installation make sure you are wearing necessary safety gear. Bike riders need to wear a helmet, reflective or brightly colored clothing so they are easily seen. Also, know the rules of the road and the proper hand signals for safe cycling.

Travel

When traveling this summer make sure you let someone know where you are going and know the local threats. Take important phone numbers in case of an emergency and know what paperwork you will need if traveling to another country.

Safety is a broad subject that affects all aspects of life. Apply safety principals to all your activities.

Call the Rhein-Main Safety Office at 330-7080 for more 101 Critical Days of Summer hot safety tips.

Terminating a German housing lease

Tips to make PCSing from Rhein-Main a little less stressful

By Maj. Heather Osterhaus
469th Air Base Group Legal Office

With the closure of Rhein-Main at the end of this year, most military personnel and DoD civilians living on the economy will be obliged to terminate their private contracted rental agreement with their German landlords.

These suggestions can help personnel avoid problems or even extra costs when PCSing.

Termination notice

Your first step will be to find your copy of the lease. A copy of your off-base lease agreement should be on file at the family housing office for your review. Read it to find your required termination notice.

German law requires notice in writing. Include your name and address and also your landlords name and address, a statement of your intent to terminate on a specific date, end of the month is best, and your signature. Improper notice could leave you liable for rent even after you leave.

You can use registered return receipt mail, Einschreiben mit Rueckschein will cost about 5 euro, to make sure your landlord received the notice.

Renovation requirements

Check your lease for renovation requirements. Does your agreement state that the landlord requires "clean condition" or "renovation"?

Clean condition means to wash windows, steam-clean carpets and present the house in spotless condition.

Renovation typically means completely repainting the house.

Was your apartment newly painted when you moved in? If so, you must leave it with fresh paint. If

it was not freshly painted, then you have no obligation to repaint, unless you agreed to the renovation clause in your lease agreement.

The term "professional renovation" does not require hiring a professional painter, but the standard of work must be of average quality. You can do it yourself with a little effort.

Security deposit

Lastly, look into your security deposit.

German courts define a security deposit as a financial security for a landlord to cover bills originating from a former tenant.

A German landlord has from two to six months to prepare a final computation and explain deductions. If you stay within Germany, that may be fine. But a PCS to the states or elsewhere can create problems.

Collect copies of your lease, termination letters, deposit receipt (showing you paid the funds originally), forwarding address and new bank account information.

If needed, get a German attorney to work for you and recover the money, even after you have departed.

Written notice

Home utilities also require attention.

Give written notice with your specific termination date to your electricity provider, the telephone company including cellular phone service and your Internet service provider.

Unless you have given written notice, your contract will continue and so will your obligation to pay: even if you are no longer in the country.

German companies will have no hesitation to hiring an American collection firm to pursue military customers who have failed to pay a valid bill. Personnel living in base quarters need to be sensitive to these requirements too. Telephone contracts, cable television and internet services all require attention.

This article highlights only some of the issues you may encounter.

A more detailed handout is available at the legal office. Additionally, personnel from the family housing office are available to review your lease requirements with you.

If manning permits, the housing

office may also be available to meet with local landlords on an individual basis to do a walk-through of your apartment so that you have an early indication of your landlord's expectation.

If you have any questions for the housing office call 330-7152 or commercial 069-699-7152. The housing office is located in Gateway Gardens behind the library.

Submitting your request for this type of assistance early in the process will increase the likelihood that personnel will be available to support you.

The legal office is happy to help if you have additional questions or new issues arise during your relocation process.

The legal office is located in Bldg. 347 on the main base. The phone number is 330-7275 or commercial 069-699-7275.

If you follow these simple rules and suggestions it should make your rental experience a pleasant one.



Airman is volunteer of the year

Story by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Wimer, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, received the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award from Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, 435th Air Base Wing commander, at the Ramstein/Kaiserslautern Military Community Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards breakfast April 22.

Airman Wimer was recognized for his service to the Rhein-Main community. He committed valuable off-duty time to help keep the community safe during Halloween as a member the "Pumpkin Patrol."

He also donated more than 1,200 hours to the American Red Cross as an instructor. He used his expertise to teach more than 300 people in adult, child and infant CPR, community first aid and safety and how to use an automatic external defibrillator. Airman Wimer also spearheaded 13 instructor courses in the past 12 months for the Red Cross.

"The driving force behind me volunteering is the opportunity to help someone," he said. "Trying to change the world one person at a time."

As a volunteer Airman Wimer doesn't only stay on base, but branches out to other military communities in the area. Wiesbaden, Dexheim, Hanau and Wackernheim have all reaped the benefits of his Red Cross volunteerism.



Photo by Airman Laura Simi

Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, 435th Air Base Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Wimer, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, with the wing's Volunteer of the Year Award during a ceremony April 22 at Ramstein.

Chris Kitterman, son of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dennis Kitterman, 469th ABG base chaplain, and Cecilia Kitterman, was named runner-up for the Exceptional Youth Volunteer of the Year at the Ramstein/KMC Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards breakfast.

Promotion study guide hits streets in May

By 1st Lt. Denise Burnham

Air Education and Training Command

The latest edition of enlisted promotion study guides will hit the streets by the end of May, Air Education and Training Command officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said.

Both the Promotion Fitness Examination and the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination, officially known as Volumes 1 and 2 of Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, are used by senior airmen through senior master sergeants to study for promotion.

"The PFEs are shipped overseas first and then throughout the United States with final distribution on the East Coast since the distribution center is located there," said Master Sgt. Gary Billington, the Air Force manager for the PFE study guide at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, which writes the PFE. "This helps ensure everyone has

the book in hand at approximately the same time."

The goal, Sergeant Billington said, is to have study materials in the hands of promotion-eligible Airmen by July 1. The material will be distributed with the following priority:

- Senior master sergeants testing in cycle 05E9.
- Master sergeants testing in cycle 06E8.
- Staff and technical sergeants testing in cycle 06E6 and 06E/7.
- Senior airmen testing in cycle 06E5.
- All remaining enlisted Airmen. The electronic version of both guides will be available online by July 1 at www.e-publishing.af.mil/.

Unit Weighted Airmen Promotion System monitors will distribute the study guides to assigned Airmen, whether at home station or deployed.

It is the WAPS monitor's responsibility

to send the guides to Airmen deployed, Sergeant Billington said.

A significant change is that Volume 2 now includes Volume 1. In the past, master and senior master sergeants received both study guides.

Senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants will continue to receive Volume 1 only.

Both guides contain a compact disk located on the back cover that includes an electronic version and a five-minute video about AFOMS and how promotion tests are developed.

Updated information about counseling, communication and Air Force organizations is included in the PFE.

Sergeant Billington said they placed more emphasis on enlisted contributions in Air Force history and added new information about military benefits, the virtual military personnel flight and nutrition.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. David Setliff

April 7– An individual contacted the law enforcement desk from Afghanistan to report a U.S. Army major was residing on base in deserter status. Patrols apprehended the suspect and transported him to the LE desk. The suspect was advised of his rights and then released to a first sergeant.

April 9– A WISAG security guard informed the LE desk that he detained an individual for taking photographs outside of the main gate. Patrols were dispatched along with local Polizei. Patrols made contact with the suspect and asked the reason for the pictures. Polizei conducted a background check of the suspect with negative results. The pictures were deleted from the camera and the individual was released.

April 11– A WISAG security guard contacted the LE desk to request assistance with an individual who was outside of Gate-2 watching children playing. Patrols made contact and questioned the suspect. The suspect said he was looking for a job on base. Polizei conducted a background check which revealed the suspect had

outstanding debt from not paying subway fees. The Polizei detained the suspect for further processing.

April 16 – An individual contacted the LE desk to report an individual who was AWOL for not showing up for duty April 15. The suspect turned himself in April 17 to the LE desk. The suspect was advised of his rights and chose to make a written statement.

April 17 – An individual telephoned the LE desk and reported an individual inside the USO Lounge at the passenger terminal being disorderly. Patrols made contact with the complainant who directed them to the suspect's location. Patrols determined the suspect was possibly under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was detained and transported to the security forces control center for further processing.

April 17 – An individual reported a simple assault to the LE desk. The assault occurred off base while in Berlin. Patrols made contact with all of the suspects and advised them of their rights. All suspects were released to their respective units.

April 17– A WISAG secu-

rity guard telephoned the LE desk to report two individuals who departed the main gate without paying their taxi fee. Patrols contacted the suspects, apprehended them and took them to the LE desk. The suspects agreed to make a statement and were released to their first sergeant.

April 22 – An individual contacted the LE desk to report he had been assaulted off base in Schwanheim. The victim said he was approached by two unknown males. One of the men had a glass bottle and started to make threatening gestures. The victim then attempted to depart the area and while walking to his car he was hit in the head with a bottle. The victim suffered minor head injuries.

April 23 – Security forces personnel saw two individuals jumping the base perimeter fence. Patrols apprehended the suspects and advised them of their rights. The suspects were then released to their respective units.



DUI/DWI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group

204 days

726th Air Mobility Squadron

87 days

64th Replacement Company

352 days

Tenant Units

136 days

Others

279 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.

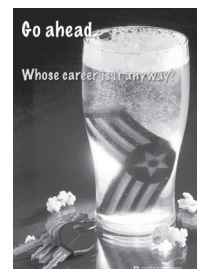




Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Fun run

David Saunders, 469th Air Base Group Assets Office, finishes the 5K Wingman Fun Run in Gateway Gardens April 29. He was the first to finish in the 40 and over age group with a time of 23:47. Uriah Orland was the overall winner in a time of 22:44. The next 5K run will be the Fathers' Day Run June 9. The run is open to all service members and family members at Rhein-Main.

Sports briefs

Volleyball results

Following are results from recent action:

■ Tuesday

PAE "B" def. 64th RC 25-0, 25-0

Det. 1 def. Det. 3 25-0, 25-0

CE def. 726th AMS "B" 15-25, 25-20, 15-13

■ Wednesday

PAE "A" def. Consulate 25-0, 25-0

Comm def. Marines 25-13, 23-25, 15-7

SF def. Clinic 12-25, 25-22, 15-6

Following are the current intramural volleyball standings (as of Wednesday):

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Comm	11	1
Consulate	10	2
CE	8	3
Clinic	8	4
726th AMS "B"	6	5
Marines	6	5
Det. 3	6	6
PAE "A"	5	6
Det. 1	5	7
726th AMS "A"	5	7

Wingman Sports Day

The second Rhein-Main Wingman Sports Day is set for noon to 4:30 p.m. May 20 at the fitness center.

Events will start at 12:30 p.m. and include a foot-

ball relay, softball longest hit, three-legged race, 3-point shoot out, blindman treasure hunt, and dodge ball.

The 469th Air Base Group Services Flight sponsors a "Wingding" Barbecue from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The menu includes hotdogs and wings.

For more information, call the fitness center at 330-7151.

AFN sports

Following is part of the American Forces Network sports lineup for the weekend:

Saturday

1:30 a.m. AFN Prime Atlantic – NASCAR Busch Series-

Diamond Hill Plywood 200

2 a.m. AFN Sports – NBA Playoffs

3:30 a.m. AFN Prime Atlantic/Korea – NBA Playoffs

4:30 a.m. AFN Sports – NBA Playoffs

noon AFN Sports – Washington Nationals vs. San Francisco Giants

6 p.m. AFN Sports – The Kentucky Derby

7 p.m. AFN Prime Atlantic – L.A. Dodgers vs. Cincinnati Reds

7 p.m. AFN Prime Pacific/Korea – Hamburg Sea Devils vs. Rhein Fire

10 p.m. AFN Prime Atlantic – Chicago Rush vs. Arizona Rattlers

Sunday

1 a.m. AFN Prime Pacific/Korea – NASCAR Dodge Charger 500

2 a.m. AFN Sports – NBA Playoffs

4:30 a.m. AFN Sports – Detroit Tigers vs. Los Angeles Angels

9 a.m. AFN Sports – PGA Tour – Wachovia Championship

1 p.m. AFN Prime Atlantic – San Jose Earthquakes vs. N.Y./N.J. Metrostars

7 p.m. AFN Sports – NBA Playoffs

7 p.m. AFN Prime Atlantic – Chicago White Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays

7 p.m. AFN Prime Pacific/Korea – Tampa Bay Storm vs. Georgia Force

New BX hours

The Rhein-Main Base Exchange began new hours of operation April 11.

New hours will be: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays - Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. The shoppette in Gateway Gardens will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays - Fridays; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Business closure

Mr. G's Photography and Bob's Plaque Shop, located in Bldg. 349 Community Connection, ceased operations April 30.

Assistance class

The FSC sponsors the final transition assistance class in the history of Rhein-Main from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday thru May 13 in the FSC classroom in Bldg. 347.

The class is designed for people who are separating or retiring within the next two years. Participants can learn nearly everything they need to know to successfully launch a new career after the military.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Walking tour

The famous FSC walking tour of Frankfurt is set for Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chapel schedule

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

CCD - 10:30 a.m.

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



The tour, beginning at the shoppette parking lot, covers the use of public transportation and a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants should wear civilian clothes and walking shoes and it's recommended to bring at least 25 euros for lunch.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

VA briefing

A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will present a VA benefits briefing from 8 - 10 a.m. May 13 in the FSC classroom in Bldg. 347.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Spring carnival

The Halvorsen-Tunner Parent, Teacher, Student Association sponsors the school's final Spring Carnival from 5 - 8 p.m. May 13.

Donations are needed.

For more details, e-mail school.officer@rheinmain.af.mil.

Luxembourg trip

The FSC sponsors a free trip to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg May 14.

The bus departs the parking lot of Bldg. 347 at 7 a.m. and the shoppette at 7:15 a.m. and returns approximately 9 p.m. The trip includes a visit to the American cemetery where Gen. George S. Patton is buried and a walk through the capital city.

Visit the FSC in the basement of Bldg. 347 to sign up. A 20 euro returnable deposit is required at the time of sign up.

Volunteer banquet

The FSC sponsors the Rhein-Main Volunteer Appreciation Banquet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. May 17 at the NH Hotel in Mörfelden.

Anyone who has volunteered at Rhein-Main is eligible to attend. Tickets are available at the FSC for 5 euros per person and includes a buffet dinner. Ticket deadline is Tuesday.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Midnight barbecue

The FSC sponsors a free barbecue at midnight May 19 behind Bldg. 426 for all mid-shift workers. Food will be served until

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "Cursed," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "Man of the House," (PG-13) 5 p.m. and "Beauty Shop," (PG) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "The Pacifier," (PG) 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "A Lot Like Love," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 13 - "Shara," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 14 - "Be Cool," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Million Dollar Baby," (pg-13), 7:30 p.m.

May 15 - "Diary of a Mad Black Woman," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 18 - "XXX: State of the Union," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

it runs out. No need to sign up.

Library closure

The base library is now closed.

DVDs and children's books will be available in Bldg. 627 B3 in Gateway Gardens.

Lunch and learn

Due to popular demand the FSC sponsors a German Lunch and Learn Class from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Our House, Bldg. 627 B-2 in Gateway Gardens.

Bring a lunch and learn how to survive on the economy.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

Beat the closure blues

The 469th Air Base Group Clinic Life Skills Office conducts "Beat the Closure Blues" seminars from 2 - 3 p.m. May 18 and June 2 in the clinic conference room.

For questions or to sign-up for the classes, call 330-4211.

Commissary closure

The commissary is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Photo by Jennifer Donner



Courtesy photo

(Left) Neuschwanstein Castle is King Ludwig's magnificent and most famous castle. King Ludwig died before the castle was completed. (Above) The king's bed, carved out of solid oak, was made to resemble a Gothic style church.

The Castle of Fairy Tales

Day Trippin'



Story by Jennifer Donner
Stringer

Nestled among the high majestic Bavarian Alps is the stunning white castle of Neuschwanstein.

The castle was built for the shy King Ludwig II, who tried to withdraw from the public. Now, the castle is visited by more than one million people a year and more than six thousand a day during the summer.

Construction of Neuschwanstein began with the laying of the first foundation stone Sept. 5, 1869. The topping-out ceremony for the palace was not until 1880, and in 1884 the king moved in.

As the king became more withdrawn from society, he made more changes to the castle.

The Bavarian state declared him insane and arrested him in 1886 when he refused to act rational. He was interned at Berg Palace. The next day King Ludwig II and his psychiatrist were found dead in Lake Starnberg.

Upon the king's death his castle was not yet complete. Castle construction

stopped a year after his death.

The incomplete castle still houses several extravagantly decorated rooms. The throne room, which was added after the castle was planned, was painted to depict how King Ludwig II saw kingship as a holy mission.

The master bedroom is another example of how extravagant King Ludwig II was. The room is made of solid oak carvings and one of two rooms decorated in a Gothic theme. The master bedroom took 14 wood-carvers four years to complete.

The most elaborate piece in the room is the bed, which resembles a Gothic cathedral. This is the room where the king was arrested by the state.

Neuschwanstein's style is a relic of the Middle Ages only because of the imagination and insanity of the king designing it. Despite the medieval appearance, the castle has many modern conveniences.

The rooms of the palace and royal residence were all fitted with hot air central heating. The bathroom also had running water and automatic flushing toilets.

If you go...



Take Autobahn 3 east toward Würzburg. After Würzburg take A-7 toward Ulm. Then exit toward Fussen. From Fussen take B17 in the direction of Schwangau and follow the signs to Hohenschwangau village. The path to the castle starts in the village.



Neuschwanstein Castle is open daily from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. The cash desk is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Admission ranges from 9 euro at Neuschwanstein Castle to 17 euro for both Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castle the same day.



For more information log onto www.neuschwanstein.de/english/service/admission.htm